Extracts from Mrs. Young's letter from Fort Wrangel, Alaska
to Mrs J. H. Dennis written Sept 14/82

The present state of my finances is and has been all the time very much circumscribed & often do wonder how we are to get along. I have the Hospital nursing first as usual. And have five boys and only Lewis' support promised. Some after writing to you a gentleman wrote to Mr Young desiring to educate another boy, if the right boy could be found. So soon as he, Lewie was adopted I took another & then asked the Lord to send me boys if he willed that I should care for them. The last one was a little boy sent to me from Chilcat. It is very hard indeed and almost makes my heart sick to be obliged to turn away these applicants But it will not be right for me to incur debt. My other boys are supported by small sums sent for the work. And they seem to expend like the Widow's oil on the loaves & fishes I expect to be obliged very soon to increase expenses. We will soon move into the little house purchased for us by the Board. That will take me too far from my sick & boys. I shall have to move them too. The parties owning the house to which they must go will assist the rest to help Missionaries or their work. As I am not under the Board, the money sent will no doubt be to the Sitka Home and just now there need is great — My boys have done a great deal to help themselves. I rented a little piece of ground and they planted three sacks potatoes, set out over three hundred cabbage plants, sowed much turnip & onion seed. These times we have been after fish & have salted down five barrels of salmon, two of herring and over four hundred dry salmon. Then the hunting &c.

I should be pleased to hear from you again and perhaps you may yet in the dear future help "my boys" There are so many things we need to make the institution partially self supporting and to help the Home. Fr used salmon net. Running net. Rubber twine.

another thing that will soon be necessary to enlarge the work is a building. Our new house is tiny. We hope in time to move it back and build a larger front. I am asking the Father to give me enough to make a home for the boys. I find I do not have the influence over their minds or morals I would have if we could constitute one Christian family.

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